

OUR PARTNERS LEND A HAND... IN SO MANY WAYS

PARTNERS

After its re-introduction in 2003, Take Pride in America® quickly gained support from major corporations, conservation groups, service organizations and trade organizations. These groups became our Charter Partners, which lead the way in promoting the goals and mission of Take Pride. We continue to recruit and welcome new Partners, however the designation as a "Charter Partner" is reserved to those that joined us prior to January 1, 2005.

Each partner contributes in its own way, with the result bringing out a wide variety of service given by each of them. For example, partners have loaned boats for

waterway cleanups, sponsored receptions for award winners, rewarded volunteers with t-shirts, gift certificates, food and special entertainment, offered free seeds to plant gardens, collaborated with Take Pride on national volunteer event days, hosted employee work days to promote Take Pride, invited Take Pride to exhibit and speak at national conferences to promote volunteering to their members, placed our logo on their materials such as t-shirts and litter bags, and prominently displayed our logo on their websites.

Take Pride appreciates all of the resources that the partners give. We showcase partner contributions on our Web site, in the newsletter and



Charter Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers sponsored an employee work day to clean up Hains Point in Washington, D.C.

on special materials like the Volunteer Guide or programs for sponsored events.

FEDERAL PARTNERS

The following Federal Departments and Agencies play an integral part in the success of Take Pride in America.

Federal Partners include:

Army Corps of Engineers
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
National Park Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service
U.S. Geological Survey

For more information on how to volunteer through these organizations, please visit our Web site at www.TakePride.gov or www.volunteer.gov/gov. We also encourage other Federal organizations to join in support of Take Pride.

Becoming a Partner

Since each organization is different, the criteria for becoming a partner with Take Pride vary. We want to encourage as much participation as possible, and by tailoring partnerships to each organization, the entire program benefits. Please contact the national office for more information about becoming a partner.



(Above) A child helping with clean up and restoration at BLM's Ruth Mine in California.



(Right) Good Sam Club provided bags for trash removal and clean up projects.

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STATE PARTNERS

A bipartisan Council of Governors from all 50 states and Guam was formed in 2004 to encourage involvement on a state level. Chaired by Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne and Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, the Council encourages state involvement in Take Pride projects. Through their participation, Take Pride has gained a strong network which will help the program become an integral part of the American way of life. States are implementing their own "Take Pride" programs to show their support and better partner with local groups.

Additional state partners include elected officials from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Congressional Members are continuing to pledge their involvement for public land stewardship efforts within in their states and districts. They also have the opportunity to present special awards to volunteer efforts hosted by organizations or individuals who they believe exemplify the goals and mission of Take Pride.



Alabama Governor Bob Riley pitched in at the kickoff of the Alabama Volunteers in Parks program.



Secretary of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection, Colleen Castille, participated in clean up at Caladesi Island during the launch of Take Pride in Florida.

CITY PARTNERS

The Take Pride in America City program promotes volunteerism at the local level. Mayors of a Take Pride City pledge to host at least two Take Pride events each year, and encourage the expansion or creation of volunteer opportunities in the community for promoting stewardship of public lands. They also participate in the annual National Take Pride in America Awards by nominating outstanding local projects and volunteers.



Estes Park, Colorado became a Take Pride in America City.



Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton presented a Take Pride in America City plaque to Mayor Gary Podesto of Stockton, California.

Becoming Involved in Take Pride in America

Members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and Mayors are encouraged to contact our office for more information. The Take Pride City Certification Form is also available on our Web site.